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SUBJ: AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS (APAP)

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- 1. DURING ROUTINE PENITENTIARY VISIT AT MONTERREY ON APRIL 22, CONOFF LEARNED THAT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS IMPRISONED AT MONTERREY HAVE WRITTEN TO CONGRESSMAN STARK THROUGH EFFORTS OF APAP.
- 2. ONE PRISONER REPORTED THAT APAP WILL ATTEMPT ORGANIZE TOURIST BOYCOTT OF MEXICO "IN ORDER PRESSURE STATE DEPT INTO DOING SOMETHING ON BEHALF AMERICAN PRISONERS".
- 3. ANOTHER PRISONER SHOWED CONOFF WHAT HE ALLEGED TO BE A PHOTO-COPY OF HANDWRITTEN LETTER DATED JANUARY 12, 1975 TO APAP FROM PRESIDENT'S SON ON WHITE HOUSE STATIONERY. IT READS AS FOLLOWS:

"APFAP. PLEASE FORGIVE MY DELAY IN RESPONDING BUT TRY AND UNDERSTAND MY PROBLEMS. AFTER READING YOUR MATERIAL AND BECOMING EDUCATED TO THE PROBLEM I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY HELP AS A PRIVATE UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSON, THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN HELP AS JACK FORD. WHATEVER I

CAN DO AS SUCH PLEASE LET ME KNOW. (SIGNED) JACK FORD". PRISONER SAID HE RECEIVED PHOTOCOPY LETTER FROM APAP, AND THAT APAP IS SENDING JACK FORD'S ADDRESS TO PRISONERS SO THAT THEY CAN WRITE TO HIM. COPY LETTER BEING POUCHED TO DEPT BY OM.

4. COMMENT. DURING PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WE HAVE NOTICED PRISONERS AT MONTERREY PENITENTIARY LOSING TOUCH WITH REALITY THEIR SITUATION. THERE IS RISING EXPECTATION THAT BENIGN OUTSIDE INFLUENCES IN U.S. CAN SOMEHOW CIRCUMVENT MEXICAN LAW AND EFFECT THEIR EARLY RELEASE. IN ADDITION, PRISONERS BECOMING ANTAGONISTIC TOWARDS DEPT, FEELING THAT THEY VICTIMS OF THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT'S ITT-CONSIDERED PROGRAM TO HALT DRUG TRAFFIC. WE CONCERNED THAT WHEN PRISONERS LEARN APAP AND OTHERS UNABLE PERFORM MIRACLES, RETURN TO REALITY WILL CAUSE SERIOUS AND LASTING MORALE PROBLEMS.

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